

SAN LORENZO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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WHAT IS TRUANCY?

Student absences that fall into any of the following categories shall be classified as a truant and reported to the attendance supervisor or designee:

- Students absent without a valid excuse (unexcused absence) for three full school days in one school year.
- Students tardy or absent in excess of any 30 minute period during a school day on any three or occasions in one school year without a valid excuse.
- Students with excessive excused absences.
- Any combination of reasons listed above.

The parent or guardian of a student classified as a truant shall be notified of the following:

- The student is truant.
- The parent/guardian is obligated to compel the student to attend school.
- The parent/guardian who fails to meet this obligation may be guilty of an infraction of the law and subject to prosecution pursuant to California Education Code 48260.
- The availability of alternative education programs in the District.
- The right of the parent/guardian to meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss the solution to the student's truancy.

WHAT IS A HABITUAL TRUANT?

Any student who has been reported as truant and who is absent from school without a valid excuse for one or more days, or tardy on one or more occasion, shall be reported to the site administrator or designee. Any student that has excessive excused absences will also be referred to the site administrator or designee. The parent/guardian will be notified and advised that further excused absences may result in a referral to SARB (State Attendance Review Board).

Students who have been reported as truant three or more times in one school year shall be classified as habitually truant after an effort has been made by either a District officer or employee to hold at least one conference with the student and his/her parent/guardian at the time of the first or second truancy. The student may be referred to SARB per Education Code 48262.

Vehicle Code 13202.7 states, "Any minor under the age of 18 years, but 13 years of age or older, who is a habitual truant within the meaning of Education Code 48262, or who is adjudged by the juvenile court to be a ward of the court under subdivision (b) of 601 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, may have his or her driving privilege suspended for one year by the court". School Districts have the option to work in collaboration with local courts to suspend or delay the driving privilege of a minor student who is categorized as a habitual truant.

Overall, the attendance and truancy policy is the same for all SLVUSD schools. For further information on the attendance and truancy process at your student's school, please visit the District web site or contact the school directly.